



Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Division Directors and Section Supervisors

FROM: Tim Burgess

SUBJECT: Proposed Administrative Rule Change

Enclosed are proposed rule changes in Chapter 560-10, Motor Vehicle Division; 570-5, Public School Bus Inspection; 375-1, Organization; 375-3, Driver License Services and 375-6, Public School Bus Inspection along with the Notice of Public Hearing. Such proposal and notice shall be placed on your bulletin board for a period of thirty (30) days. After the rules and Notice of Public Hearing have been posted, please confirm via email to Phyllis Johnson at pjohnson@dmvs.ga.gov.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Neal Childers, General Counsel at (678) 413-8765.

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Enclosures

375-3-13-.01 Access to driver history record information for Law Enforcement Agencies and Fire Departments for Employment Purposes.

A law enforcement agency or fire department operated by the State of Georgia or any political subdivision thereof may apply for and obtain access to driver history record information regarding any employee of the agency or applicant for employment with the agency. Access shall be obtained by submitting a request to, and subject to approval by, the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety and in accordance with a contract with the Georgia Technology Authority for such access. No fee shall be charged to the agency or department if the record is accessed electronically.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 40-5-2(f)(4); O.C.G.A. § 40-5-2(d)(1). **History.**

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

This regulation is enacted to specify how police and fire departments may obtain access to driver history record information by electronic means and to establish the fee for that access.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

This is a new regulation. There is no existing rule.

560-10-11-.01 Establishment of the "Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Board" and its Purpose. Amended.

~~There is hereby established a Board to be known as the "Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Board." This Board shall, under the terms of the rules and regulations hereinafter provided, hear complaints and claims of persons aggrieved by the acts or omissions of the Commissioner or any employee or servant of the Department of Revenue pertaining to the administration of the "Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act." The Board shall also conduct hearings pertaining to the suspension or revocation of certificates of title.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33.

Administrative History. Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

375-1-2-.01 Establishment of the “Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Board” and its Purpose. Amended.

There is hereby established within the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety a Board to be known as the "~~Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title~~ Review Board." This Board shall, ~~under the terms of the rules and regulations hereinafter~~ as provided by law, hear complaints and claims of persons aggrieved by the acts or omissions of the ~~Commissioner or any employee or servant of the Department of Revenue~~ Motor Vehicle Safety pertaining to the administration of the "Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act." The Board shall also conduct hearings pertaining to the suspension or revocation of certificates of title and challenges to the addition of liens to certificates of title.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33; O.C.G.A. §§ 40-3-6, 40-3-53(b). **Administrative History.** Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to modify an existing regulation in order to add challenges to the addition of liens to certificates of title as one of the types of matters that the Board may review.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Revenue at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 560-10-11-.01, is repealed, and the amended regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-1-2-.01.

The Board is renamed the "Title Review Board," and references to the "Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Board" are stricken; references to the Department of Revenue are replaced with references to the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety.

The phrase "and challenges to the addition of liens to certificates of title" is added.

Additional authority is cited in support of the regulation.

***560-10-11-.02 Membership on the “Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Board.”
Amended.***

~~The "Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Board" herein established shall be composed of the State Revenue Commissioner.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33.

Administrative History. Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

375-1-2-.02 Membership of the Title Review Board. Amended.

The "~~Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Review Board~~" herein established shall be composed of ~~the State Revenue Commissioner~~ three persons appointed by the Commissioner and serving at his pleasure. .

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33; O.C.G.A. § 40-3-6. **Administrative History.** Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to modify an existing regulation in order to permit the Commissioner of Motor Vehicle Safety to designate persons who may comprise the Board.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Revenue at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 560-10-11-.02, is repealed, and the amended regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-1-2-.02.

The Board is renamed the "Title Review Board," and references to the "Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Board" are stricken.

The phrase "the State Revenue Commissioner" is deleted, and replaced with the phrase "three persons appointed by the Commissioner and serving at his pleasure" is added.

An additional citation of authority is added.

560-10-11-.03 Hearing Officer and his Duties. Amended.

~~The Chairman of the Board may appoint anyone, including himself as the hearing officer in any matter. The order appointing the hearing officer shall be in writing and shall specify the action to be taken by the hearing officer. The hearing officer may be directed to conduct the hearing and make any type of decision as provided by the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act". Whenever a matter is referred to a hearing officer the order of referral shall specify a date by which the actions of the hearing officer must be completed. In all cases the hearing officer shall certify the entire record to the Full Board. In any case the Full Board may reopen the record and receive additional evidence or the Full Board may resubmit the matter to the hearing officer. In any case which is referred to a hearing officer, any party dissatisfied with any finding or holding of the hearing officer may appeal to the Board as a whole as provided in these regulations. However, only final orders or findings of the hearing officer may be so appealed to the Full Board: When any final order or finding of the hearing officer is appealed all antecedent findings and holdings may be included therein. Any preliminary, procedural, or intermediate order may be appealed to the Full Board if an appeal from a later final order would not afford an adequate remedy.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33.

Administrative History. Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

375-1-2-.03 Organization.

~~The Chairman of the Board may appoint anyone, including himself as the hearing officer in any matter. The order appointing the hearing officer shall be in writing and shall specify the action to be taken by the hearing officer. The hearing officer may be directed to conduct the hearing and make any type of decision as provided by the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act". Whenever a matter is referred to a hearing officer the order of referral shall specify a date by which the actions of the hearing officer must be completed. In all cases the hearing officer shall certify the entire record to the Full Board. In any case the Full Board may reopen the record and receive additional evidence or the Full Board may resubmit the matter to the hearing officer. In any case which is referred to a hearing officer, any party dissatisfied with any finding or holding of the hearing officer may appeal to the Board as a whole as provided in these regulations. However, only final orders or findings of the hearing officer may be so appealed to the Full Board: When any final order or finding of the hearing officer is appealed all antecedent findings and holdings may be included therein. Any preliminary, procedural, or intermediate order may be appealed to the Full Board if an appeal from a later final order would not afford an adequate remedy.~~

The Commissioner shall designate one of the members of the Title Review Board to serve as its Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be authorized to administer oaths and affirmations; sign and issue subpoenas; rule upon offers of proof; regulate the course of the hearing; set the time and place for continued hearings; fix the time for filing briefs; dispose of motions to dismiss, to amend, and to intervene; provide for the taking of testimony by deposition or interrogatory; and reprimand or exclude from the hearing any person for any indecorous or improper conduct conducted in the presence of the Board. All decisions of the Board to grant or deny the relief requested by the applicant shall be made by majority vote of the members of the Board.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33' O.C.G.A. § 40-3-6; O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13. **Administrative History.** Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to modify an existing regulation in order to define the roles of the members of the Board.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Revenue at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 560-10-11-.03, is repealed, and the amended regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-1-2-.03.

The Board is renamed the "Title Review Board," and references to the "Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Board" are stricken.

The existing regulation providing for a hearing officer, and providing for the duties and role of that officer, is deleted in its entirety, and replaced with language providing for the designation of a chairperson and the duties of the chairperson. Provision is made that the decisions of the Board shall be by majority vote of the members of the Board.

An additional citation of authority is added.

560-10-11-.04 Procedure for the Conduct of Hearings and Appeals. Amended.

~~(1) All hearings, whether demanded by a person aggrieved or by the Department, shall be held under the terms and conditions and using the procedure in the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act", Georgia Laws 1964, pp. 338, 356, as that Act presently reads or is hereinafter amended. The provisions of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" will apply to all hearings conducted under these regulations even though conducted prior to the effective date of that Act.~~

~~(2) The appeal provisions of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act", providing for appeal to the Superior Court, shall not be applicable prior to the effective date of that Act, but any hearing held pursuant to these regulations prior to the effective date of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" shall be as provided by Georgia Code Annotated 92-8446 (Ga. Laws 1937-38, Ex. Session, pp. 77, 100; Ga. Laws 1943, pp. 204, 206, 208). After the effective date of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" any appeal to the Superior Court from a hearing conducted under these regulations shall be as provided by law at that time.~~

~~(3) Other than as stated in this Section, all the provisions of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" will be applicable to hearings held under these regulations unless inconsistent with these regulations or other laws and statutes.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33.

Administrative History. Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

375-1-2-.04 Procedure for the Conduct of Hearings and Appeals.

(1) All hearings, ~~whether demanded by a person aggrieved or by the Department,~~ shall be held under the terms and conditions and using the procedure in the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act", Georgia Laws 1964, pp. 338, 356, as that Act presently reads or is hereinafter amended. Decisions of the Title Review Board shall be initial decisions of the agency. ~~The provisions of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" will apply to all hearings conducted under these regulations even though conducted prior to the effective date of that Act.~~

(2) ~~The appeal provisions of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act", providing for appeal to the Superior Court, shall not be applicable prior to the effective date of that Act, but any hearing held pursuant to these regulations prior to the effective date of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" shall be as provided by Georgia Code Annotated 92-8446 (Ga. Laws 1937-38, Ex. Session, pp. 77, 100; Ga. Laws 1943, pp. 204, 206, 208). After the effective date of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" any appeal to the Superior Court from a hearing conducted under these regulations shall be as provided by law at that time.~~

(3) ~~Other than as stated in this Section, all~~ The provisions of Article 1 of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" will be applicable to hearings held under these regulations unless inconsistent with these regulations or other laws and statutes.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33; O.C.G.A. § 40-3-6; O.C.G.A. § 50-13-17; O.C.G.A. § 50-13-19. **Administrative History.** Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to modify an existing regulation in order to repeal superfluous language.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Revenue at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 560-10-11-.04, is repealed, and the amended regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-1-2-.04.

The provisions of the existing regulation providing for hearings conducted prior to the effective date of the Administrative Procedure Act are repealed.

Additional citations of authority are added.

560-10-11-.05 Applications to the Superior Court for Orders in Support of the Hearing Authority. Amended.

~~In all cases where hearings are conducted under these regulations, the hearing authority shall, where necessary, apply to the Superior Court as provided by law for the necessary subpoenas and investigative orders necessary to accomplish the purpose of the hearing.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 69, 71, 88; 1968 pp. 32, 33.

Administrative History. Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to repeal an existing regulation in light of changes to governing law.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Revenue at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 560-10-11-.05, is repealed in its entirety. The Administrative Procedure Act authorizes the agency to issue subpoenas; there is no longer any mechanism to seek a subpoena from a superior court.

560-10-11-.06 Effective Date. Amended.

~~These regulations will be effective immediately and shall continue of force and effect until such time as they are superseded and rescinded by valid authority.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33.

Administrative History. Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to repeal an existing regulation in light of changes to governing law.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Revenue at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 560-10-11-.06, is repealed in its entirety. The regulation refers to a set of regulations promulgated in 1965 that are no longer in force.

560-10-11-.07 Construction and Effect. Amended.

~~These regulations and the provisions of the "Georgia Administrative Procedure Act" made applicable by these regulations shall not be construed to diminish or qualify the supervisory powers or summary jurisdiction otherwise possessed by the State Revenue Commissioner but these regulations are to be construed in such a way as to be consistent with the powers and authority vested in the State Revenue Commissioner by other laws.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33.

Administrative History. Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to repeal an existing regulation as superfluous.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Revenue at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 560-10-11-.07, is repealed in its entirety.

560-10-11-.08 Cost.

~~In every case the cost shall be computed and as a part of the final order in the case the cost shall be assessed as demanded by the circumstances.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38, Extra Sess., pp. 77, 81, 82, 91; 1961, pp. 68, 71, 88; 1963, pp. 32, 33.

Administrative History. Original Rule was filed on June 30, 1965.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to repeal an existing regulation as superfluous.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Revenue at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 560-10-11-.08, is repealed in its entirety.

560-10-19-.09 Bond for Installment Payments for License Plates. Amended.

~~Form MV-45 is a bond form which is used if applicant wishes to make an installment purchase of a license plate. Installment purchases are limited to license plates which cost more than \$40.00. The bond must be written by a surety company authorized to do business in this State and made payable to the Revenue Commissioner in an amount equal to the unpaid balance of the prescribed fee. This bond shall be presented to the local tag agent and must be accompanied by at least 25% of the prescribed fee and a proper application for a license plate.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. L. 1937-38; Extra Sess., pp. 71, 81, 82, 91; Ga. L. 1956, pp. 659, 660; Ga. L. 1966, pp. 508, 510, 511. **Administrative History.** Original Rule was filed and effective on June 30, 1965. **Amended:** Original Rule entitled "Affidavit for Repossessed Motor Vehicles" repealed and a new Rule entitled "Bond for Installment Payments for License Plates" adopted. Filed October 29, 1968; effective November 17, 1968.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to repeal an existing regulation. Under O.C.G.A. § 40-2-29, installment payments are no longer authorized.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Revenue at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 560-10-19-.09, is repealed.

570-5-.01 Organization. Amended.

~~(1) The school bus inspection program shall apply to every public school bus as defined by O.C.G.A. [40-1-1](#) which is owned by a state, county, or municipal government or under contract by any independent system.~~

~~(2) The Commissioner shall appoint such employees as deemed necessary to perform both the administrative and inspectional tasks as provided by these rules.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f); O.C.G.A. Sec. 40-8-220. **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Organization" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.01](#), entitled "Organization," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.01](#) expired on August 15, 1979). **Amended:** Rule entitled "Organization" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency, in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and Rule [570-5-.01](#) repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985.

375-6-1-.01 Responsibility for Program.

(1) The school bus inspection program shall apply to every public school bus as defined by O.C.G.A. [40-1-1](#) which is owned by a state, county, or municipal government or under contract by any independent system.

(2) ~~The Commissioner shall appoint such employees as deemed necessary to perform~~ Enforcement Division is responsible for both the administrative and inspectional tasks as provided by these rules.

(3) Inspectors shall declare "out of service" any school bus which, by reasons of its mechanical condition or loading would be likely to cause a crash or suffer a breakdown. No school system, contract carrier, or individual shall require, nor shall any person operate, any school bus that has been declared "out of service" until all repairs required by the "out of service" notice issued by the inspector have been satisfactorily completed.

(4) Inspectors shall declare a bus "out of service" by placing an out of service sticker on the bus. Out of service stickers shall not be removed until all repairs required by the out of service notice have been satisfactorily completed.

(5) When a bus has been declared "out of service," certification of repairs shall be forwarded to Department Headquarters by the mechanic or other school official within ten (10) days of the completion of repairs.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f); O.C.G.A., Sec. 40-8-220. **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Organization" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.01](#), entitled "Organization," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.01](#) expired on August 15, 1979). **Amended:** Rule entitled "Organization" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency, in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:**

Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and Rule [570-5-.01](#) repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The Enforcement Division is designated as the responsible division for this program. A mechanism is established for declaring buses to be out of service and for their restoration to service status.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.01, is repealed, and the regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.01.

Paragraph (2) is amended to place the responsibility for this program with the Enforcement Division.

Paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) are added.

570-5-.01 Organization. Amended.

~~(1) The school bus inspection program shall apply to every public school bus as defined by O.C.G.A. [40-1-1](#) which is owned by a state, county, or municipal government or under contract by any independent system.~~

~~(2) The Commissioner shall appoint such employees as deemed necessary to perform both the administrative and inspectional tasks as provided by these rules.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f); O.C.G.A. Sec. 40-8-220. **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Organization" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.01](#), entitled "Organization," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.01](#) expired on August 15, 1979). **Amended:** Rule entitled "Organization" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency, in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and Rule [570-5-.01](#) repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985.

375-6-1-.01 Responsibility for Program.

(1) The school bus inspection program shall apply to every public school bus as defined by O.C.G.A. [40-1-1](#) which is owned by a state, county, or municipal government or under contract by any independent system.

(2) ~~The Commissioner shall appoint such employees as deemed necessary to perform~~ Enforcement Division is responsible for both the administrative and inspectional tasks as provided by these rules.

(3) Inspectors shall declare "out of service" any school bus which, by reasons of its mechanical condition or loading would be likely to cause a crash or suffer a breakdown. No school system, contract carrier, or individual shall require, nor shall any person operate, any school bus that has been declared "out of service" until all repairs required by the "out of service" notice issued by the inspector have been satisfactorily completed.

(4) Inspectors shall declare a bus "out of service" by placing an out of service sticker on the bus. Out of service stickers shall not be removed until all repairs required by the out of service notice have been satisfactorily completed.

(5) When a bus has been declared "out of service," certification of repairs shall be forwarded to Department Headquarters by the mechanic or other school official within ten (10) days of the completion of repairs.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f); O.C.G.A., Sec. 40-8-220. **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Organization" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.01](#), entitled "Organization," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.01](#) expired on August 15, 1979). **Amended:** Rule entitled "Organization" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency, in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:**

Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and Rule [570-5-.01](#) repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The Enforcement Division is designated as the responsible division for this program. A mechanism is established for declaring buses to be out of service and for their restoration to service status.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.01, is repealed, and the regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.01.

Paragraph (2) is amended to place the responsibility for this program with the Enforcement Division.

Paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) are added.

570-5-.02 Definitions. Amended.

~~(1) "Employees" means "Troopers" or "other Departmental Personnel" designated to supervise the inspectional efforts and to enforce related statutes and rules.~~

~~(2) Independent school system is a municipal school system.~~

~~(3) Inspection sticker is synonymous with the term certificate of safety inspection.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Definitions" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule 570-5-0.5-.02, entitled "Definitions," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.02](#) expired on August 15, 1979.)

Amended: Rule entitled "Definitions" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and Rule [570-5-.02](#) repealed and a new rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

375-6-1-.02 Definitions.

- (1) "Employees" means ~~"Troopers" or "other Departmental Personnel"~~ designated to supervise the inspectional efforts and to enforce related statutes and rules.
- (2) Independent school system is a municipal school system.
- (3) Inspection sticker is synonymous with the term certificate of safety inspection.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Definitions" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule 570-5-0.5-.02, entitled "Definitions," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.02](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Definitions" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and Rule [570-5-.02](#) repealed and a new rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The reference to "troopers" is deleted due to the transfer of this program from the Department of Public Safety.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.02, is repealed, and the regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-.02.

Paragraph (1) is amended by deleting "troopers or other."

570-5-.03 Fees. Amended.

~~No fee shall be charged by the employees of the Department of Public Safety for any inspection sticker, inspection or rejection of any school bus.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification as Official Inspecting Station" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspect/on Station" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.03](#), entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.03](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 28, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.03](#) repealed, and a new Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

375-6-1-.03 Fees.

No fee shall be charged by the employees of the Department of ~~Public Safety~~ for any inspection sticker, inspection or rejection of any school bus.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification as Official Inspecting Station" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspect/on Station" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.03](#), entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.03](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 28, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.03](#) repealed, and a new Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The reference to the Department of Public Safety is deleted due to the transfer of this program.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.03, is repealed, and the regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.03.

The regulation is amended by deleting "of Public Safety."

570-5-.03 Fees. Amended.

~~No fee shall be charged by the employees of the Department of Public Safety for any inspection sticker, inspection or rejection of any school bus.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification as Official Inspecting Station" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspect/on Station" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.03](#), entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.03](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 28, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.03](#) repealed, and a new Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

375-6-1-.03 Fees.

No fee shall be charged by the employees of the Department of ~~Public Safety~~ for any inspection sticker, inspection or rejection of any school bus.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Certification as Official Inspecting Station" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspect/on Station" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.03](#), entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.03](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Appointment of Official Motor Vehicle Inspection Stations" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 28, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.03](#) repealed, and a new Rule entitled "Fees" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The reference to the Department of Public Safety is deleted due to the transfer of this program.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.03, is repealed, and the regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.03.

The regulation is amended by deleting "of Public Safety."

570-5-.04 Expiration Period of Inspection Sticker. Amended.

~~The expiration date of all inspection stickers will be midnight of the last day of the month in which they are issued, one year hence.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Designation as Official Inspection Station; Application; Registration Fee" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Continuing of Mechanic Inspector's Certification" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.04](#), entitled "Renewal of Certificate of Authorization; Renewal Fees; Failure to Remit Same," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.04](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Renewal of Certificate of Authorization; Renewal Fees; Failure to Remit Same" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 28, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and Rule [570-5-.04](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Expiration Period of Inspection Sticker" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

375-6-1-.04 Expiration Period of Inspection Sticker.

The expiration date of all inspection stickers will be midnight of the last day of the month in which they are issued, one year hence. The Commissioner or his designee, for good cause shown, may extend an inspection sticker when reasons beyond the control of the Department preclude an inspection prior to the initial expiration date.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Designation as Official Inspection Station; Application; Registration Fee" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965.

Amended: Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Continuing of Mechanic Inspector's Certification" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.04](#), entitled "Renewal of Certificate of Authorization; Renewal Fees; Failure to Remit Same," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.04](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Renewal of Certificate of Authorization; Renewal Fees; Failure to Remit Same" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 28, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and Rule [570-5-.04](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Expiration Period of Inspection Sticker" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The regulation is amended to permit the Commissioner to extend the expiration date of an inspection sticker when necessary.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.04, is repealed, and the regulation is

to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.04.

The regulation is amended by adding the second sentence.

570-5-.05 Purchase of Bus. Amended.

~~A purchaser of a bus, which vehicle prior to subject purchase was not required to be inspected, shall be allowed a 5-day grace period in which to obtain an inspection following the date of purchase.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Performance Bond Required; Application; Renewal" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Official Stations on Military Installations" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.05](#) entitled "Appointment of Mechanic Inspectors," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.05](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Appointment of Mechanic Inspectors" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.05](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Purchase of Bus" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

375-6-1-.05 Purchase of Bus.

A purchaser of a bus, which vehicle prior to subject purchase was not required to be inspected, shall be allowed a 5-day grace period in which to obtain an inspection following the date of purchase. A bus purchased by a school system on which the original motor vehicle title has not been previously issued may be operated for up to 12 months following the date of purchase before an inspection is required.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Performance Bond Required; Application; Renewal" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Official Stations on Military Installations" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.05](#) entitled "Appointment of Mechanic Inspectors," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.05](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Appointment of Mechanic Inspectors" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.05](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Purchase of Bus" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The regulation is amended to delete the requirement of an immediate inspection for new buses.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.05, is repealed, and the regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.05.

The regulation is amended by adding the second sentence.

570-5-.06 Inspection Sticker Location. Amended.

~~The departmental employees, after vehicle passes inspection, shall affix an inspection sticker to the upper left hand corner of the windshield of the approved vehicle as viewed from the driver's seat.~~

Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Section [40-8-220](#). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Official Stations on Military Installations" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Renewal of Certificate of Authorization; Renewal Fee; Failure to Remit Same" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.06](#), entitled "Renewal of Mechanic Inspector Permit; Renewal Fee; Failure to Remit Same," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.06](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Renewal of Mechanic Inspector Permit; Renewal Fee; Failure to Remit Same" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.06](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Inspection Sticker Location" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985.

375-6-1-.06 Inspection Sticker Location.

The departmental employees, after vehicle passes inspection, shall affix an inspection sticker to the ~~upper~~ lower left-hand corner of the windshield of the approved vehicle as viewed from the driver's seat.

Authority O.C.G.A. Section [40-8-220](#). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Official Stations on Military Installations" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Renewal of Certificate of Authorization; Renewal Fee; Failure to Remit Same" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.06](#), entitled "Renewal of Mechanic Inspector Permit; Renewal Fee; Failure to Remit Same," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.06](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Renewal of Mechanic Inspector Permit; Renewal Fee; Failure to Remit Same" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.06](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Inspection Sticker Location" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The regulation is amended to modify the required location of the inspection sticker.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.06, is repealed, and the regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.06.

The regulation is amended by replacing the word "upper" with "lower."

570-5-.07 Completion of Inspection Sticker. Amended.

~~Departmental employees shall write in ink all pertinent data on the reverse side of inspection sticker and validate expiration of same through use of appropriate expiration year tab. Further, they should punch with 1/4 inch punch the appropriate month of inspection.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Governmental Agency as Inspection Station; No Bond Required" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Display of Certificate Required" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.07](#), entitled "Official Stations on Military Installations," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.07](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Official Stations on Military Installations" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective data of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.07](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Completion of Inspection Sticker" adopted, Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

375-6-1-.07 Completion of Inspection Sticker.

Departmental employees shall write in ink all pertinent data on the reverse side of inspection sticker and validate expiration of same through use of appropriate expiration year tab. Further, they should punch with ¼ inch punch the appropriate month of inspection.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Governmental Agency as Inspection Station; No Bond Required" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Display of Certificate Required" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.07](#), entitled "Official Stations on Military Installations," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.07](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Official Stations on Military Installations" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective data of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.07](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Completion of Inspection Sticker" adopted, Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

No amendments are proposed.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.07, is repealed, and the regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.07.

570-5-.08 Inspection Reports. Amended.

~~Reports of all inspectional efforts shall be maintained by employees as designated by the Commissioner.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Renewal of Permit; Renewal Fees; Failure to Remit Same" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Display of Sign Required. Approved Wording" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 14, 1978; effective July 4, 1978. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.08](#), entitled "Display of Certificate and Permit Required," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.08](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Display of Certificate and Permit Required" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.08](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Inspection Reports" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

375-6-1-.08 Inspection Reports.

Reports of all inspectional efforts shall be maintained by employees as designated by the Commissioner.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Renewal of Permit; Renewal Fees; Failure to Remit Same" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Display of Sign Required. Approved Wording" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 14, 1978; effective July 4, 1978. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.08](#), entitled "Display of Certificate and Permit Required," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.08](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Display of Certificate and Permit Required" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.08](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Inspection Reports" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

No amendments are proposed.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.08, is repealed, and the regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.08.

570-5-.09 Minimum Requirements for Inspection. Amended.

~~Before an inspection sticker may be issued for a bus, the bus must meet the following equipment specifications:~~

~~(a) Brakes.~~

~~1. The stopping distance of the vehicle shall be checked and shall meet or exceed the performance ability of brakes pursuant to O.C.G.A. [40-8-263](#). Accordingly, the speedometer of each bus must be in working order so that braking efficiency can be properly inspected. The following performance tests shall be used:~~

~~(i) Road Test: When inspecting the brakes, system shall stop bus in a distance of 30 feet (14 feet per second) or less from a speed of 20 miles per hour without leaving a 12-foot lane.~~

~~(ii) Every inspection conducted shall provide for the removal of at least one wheel, except those vehicles equipped with removal plate allowing visual inspection.~~

~~2. Where applicable, the inspection shall include the removal of at least one wheel and check of the following:~~

~~(i) to insure that the braking system is free from leaks;~~

~~(ii) bonded brake linings shall not be less than 1/32 inch thick as measured at the thinnest point;~~

~~(iii) riveted brake linings shall not be less than 1/32 inch thick over any rivet head;~~

~~(iv) disc brakes or pads shall not be worn to less than 1/32 inch thick over the rivet heads or 1/32 inch at the thinnest point of a bonded lining;~~

~~(v) brake linings that are wirebacked shall not have wire visible on friction surface;~~

~~(vi) brake drums or discs shall be free of oil, grease or brake fluid;~~

~~(vii) linings, drums, or discs shall be free from any external cracks on the friction surface that reaches an edge of the bore periphery of the disc;~~

~~(viii) there shall be no loose or missing parts such as broken or cut linings;~~

~~(ix) the fluid level in the master cylinder reservoir shall not be lower than 1/4 inch below the filler opening;~~

~~(x) minimum pedal reserve: One inch power brakes. Two inches manual brakes.~~

~~3. Vehicle shall be equipped with a parking brake sufficient to hold the vehicle on any grade it may be operated upon under normal conditions.~~

~~(b) Lights.~~

~~1. Headlights: All headlights shall be inspected to determine that each burns as follows:~~

- ~~(i) Type I Lights—Burn on high beam only;~~
- ~~(ii) Type II Lights—Burn on both high and low beams;~~
- ~~(iii) all headlights shall have aiming pads.~~

~~2. Turn Signals.~~

~~(i) All buses shall be equipped with mechanical or electrical turn signals which will be inspected to insure:~~

- ~~(I) proper functioning of activator and lights; and~~
- ~~(II) proper lenses are affixed to lights.~~

~~3. Tail Lights.~~

~~(i) Every bus shall be equipped with at least one tail light mounted on the rear; if equipped with two such lights, both must be in proper working order. When lighted, they shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear.~~

~~(ii) Every tail light shall be located at a height of not more than 60 inches, nor less than 20 inches when measured from center of such light to the level ground upon which vehicle stands.~~

~~(iii) Lenses must be in good repair.~~

~~4. Stop Lights.~~

~~(i) Every bus shall be equipped with at least one stop light. If manufactured with two stop lights, both must be operational. A stop light must emit a red light and shall be activated upon application of service (foot) brake and may, but need not, be incorporated with a tail light.~~

~~(ii) Lenses must be in good repair.~~

~~5. Clearance and Marker Lights.~~

~~(i) Combination clearance and marker lights shall be installed at each of the four roof corners. The two such lights on the front of the vehicle shall be amber in color, and the two such lights on the rear of the vehicle shall be red in color. A cluster of three lights shall be mounted between the clearance and marker lights in the front and in the rear of the bus at the roof line thereof;~~

~~6. Flasher Lights.~~

~~(i) The body of the bus shall be equipped with four hooded or recessed red flasher lights. Such lights shall be at least 5 3/4 inches in diameter, sealed beam, and must flash when the bus is stopped to receive or discharge passengers. Two such lights shall be mounted in the front of the body above the windshield, and two such lights shall be mounted on the rear of the body above the rear windows;~~

~~7. Strobe Lights.~~

~~(i) Every bus shall have an outside roof mounted white flashing strobe light with clear lenses emitting light 360 degrees around its vertical axis. Such strobe light shall be no greater than one third the distance from the rear of the bus to the front of the bus and shall flash when the bus is stopped to receive or discharge passengers.~~

~~8. The requirements of sub paragraphs (b)5., (b)6. and (b)7. of this rule shall apply only to new school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1993.~~

~~(c) Windshields and Windows.~~

~~1. Windshields and windows shall have no obstruction located in such a way as to obscure the driver's view. All windshield and window glass shall be of a safety glazing type material.~~

~~2. No opaque or solid material including, but not limited to, cardboard, plastic and taped glass shall be used in lieu of glass.~~

~~3. No glass shall be approved that has a starburst or spider webbing effect greater than 3 inches by 3 inches.~~

~~4. Wiper(s) must be in good repair.~~

~~(d) Tires.~~

~~1. Buses with four or more rear tires shall have not less than 2/32 inch tread measurable in all major grooves. Buses with two rear tires shall have 4/32 inch tread measurable in all major grooves. The front tires on all buses shall have a minimum of 4/32 inch tread measurable in all grooves. All tires shall be free from any cuts, breaks, or snags on tread or sidewall deep enough to expose body cord.~~

~~2. Tires marked "not for highway use" or "for racing purposes only" or "unsafe for highway use" shall not be permitted.~~

~~3. All tires shall be free from bumps, bulges or separations.~~

~~4. Regrooved or recut tires below the original tread design depth shall not be permitted, except for certain tires which have extra undertread rubber and are identified as such.~~

~~5. No retreaded tires shall be permitted upon the front wheels of buses.~~

~~6. No studded, flanged, cleated or spiked tires shall be permitted which projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire.~~

~~(e) Steering Mechanism:~~

~~1. Lash or free play in the steering system shall not exceed values as follows:~~

| Steering Wheel | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Diameter (inches) | Lash (inches) |
| 16 | 2.25 |
| 18 | 2.50 |
| 20 | 2.75 |
| 22 | 3.00 |

~~2. Steering wheels shall turn freely through the limit of travel in both directions.~~

~~3. Ball Joints—King Pins and Bushings:~~

~~(i) Top to bottom looseness in ball joints shall not exceed 1/4 inch.~~

~~(ii) Horizontal looseness in ball joints shall not exceed 1/4 inch.~~

~~(iii) Top to bottom looseness in King Pin and Bushings shall not exceed 1/4 inch.~~

~~(iv) Horizontal looseness in King Pin and Bushings shall not exceed 1/4 inch.~~

~~(f) Suspension:~~

~~1. Structural parts shall not be bent or damaged.~~

~~2. Stabilizer bars shall be connected.~~

~~3. Springs shall not be broken.~~

~~4. Shock absorber mountings, shackles and u-bolts shall be securely attached.~~

~~5. Rubber bushings shall not be extruding or missing from suspension joints.~~

~~6. Radius rods shall not be missing or damaged.~~

~~(g) Exhaust System:~~

~~1. Exhaust system includes the piping leading from the flange of the exhaust manifold to and including the muffler(s), and tail pipes.~~

~~2. Flexible pipe is prohibited except for use on diesel tractors or as per manufacturers original specifications.~~

- ~~3. Exhaust emission point shall extend to the rear or outside of the passenger compartment.~~
- ~~4. There shall be no holes, leaking seams nor loose or perceptively leaking joints in the exhaust system. Patches are prohibited on muffler(s). Tail pipe ends pinched, rusted, or broken off shall be cause for rejection. (Small holes made by the manufacturer for drainage are permitted.)~~
- ~~5. The exhaust system and/or its elements shall be securely fastened, including the consideration of missing or broken hangers.~~
- ~~6. There shall be no muffler cutouts, muffler bypasses or similar devices or any devices or additions to the exhaust system that allows excessive or unusual noise.~~
- ~~7. There shall be no part of the exhaust system passing through the passenger compartment, or any exposed stack so located that any individual entering or leaving the vehicle may be burned.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). O.C.G.A. Secs. [40-8-220](#) (f); 40-8-111, 40-8-74. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Minimum Requirements: Space and Equipment" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Violations of Law or Rules; Penalty" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.09](#), entitled "Display of Sign Required," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.09](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Display of Sign Required" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act. No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.09](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Minimum Requirements for Inspection" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed June 7, 1983; effective June 27, 1983. **Amended:** Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985. **Amended:** F. Apr. 15, 1994; eff. May 5, 1994.

375-6-1-.09 Minimum Requirements for Inspection.

(1) Before an inspection sticker may be issued for a bus, the bus must ~~meet the following equipment specifications~~ pass a minimum North American Standard Vehicle Safety Inspection (Level I):

~~(a) Brakes.~~

~~1. The stopping distance of the vehicle shall be checked and shall meet or exceed the performance ability of brakes pursuant to O.C.G.A. [40-8-263](#). Accordingly, the speedometer of each bus must be in working order so that braking efficiency can be properly inspected. The following performance tests shall be used:~~

~~(i) Road Test: When inspecting the brakes, system shall stop bus in a distance of 30 feet (14 feet per second) or less from a speed of 20 miles per hour without leaving a 12-foot lane.~~

~~(ii) Every inspection conducted shall provide for the removal of at least one wheel, except those vehicles equipped with removal plate allowing visual inspection.~~

~~2. Where applicable, the inspection shall include the removal of at least one wheel and check of the following:~~

~~(i) to insure that the braking system is free from leaks;~~

~~(ii) bonded brake linings shall not be less than 1/32 inch thick as measured at the thinnest point;~~

~~(iii) riveted brake linings shall not be less than 1/32 inch thick over any rivet head;~~

~~(iv) disc brakes or pads shall not be worn to less than 1/32 inch thick over the rivet heads or 1/32 inch at the thinnest point of a bonded lining;~~

~~(v) brake linings that are wirebacked shall not have wire visible on friction surface;~~

~~(vi) brake drums or discs shall be free of oil, grease or brake fluid;~~

~~(vii) linings, drums, or discs shall be free from any external cracks on the friction surface that reaches an edge of the bore periphery of the disc;~~

~~(viii) there shall be no loose or missing parts such as broken or cut linings;~~

~~(ix) the fluid level in the master cylinder reservoir shall not be lower than 1/4 inch below the filler opening;~~

~~(x) minimum pedal reserve: One inch power brakes. Two inches manual brakes.~~

~~3. Vehicle shall be equipped with a parking brake sufficient to hold the vehicle on any grade it may be operated upon under normal conditions.~~

~~(b) Lights.~~

~~1. Headlights: All headlights shall be inspected to determine that each burns as follows:~~

~~(i) Type I Lights--Burn on high beam only;~~

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~~(iii) all headlights shall have aiming pads.~~

~~2. Turn Signals.~~

~~(i) All buses shall be equipped with mechanical or electrical turn signals which will be inspected to insure:~~

~~(I) proper functioning of activator and lights; and~~

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~~3. Tail Lights.~~

~~(i) Every bus shall be equipped with at least one tail light mounted on the rear; if equipped with two such lights, both must be in proper working order. When lighted, they shall emit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear.~~

~~(ii) Every tail light shall be located at a height of not more than 60 inches, nor less than 20 inches when measured from center of such light to the level ground upon which vehicle stands.~~

~~(iii) Lenses must be in good repair.~~

~~4. Stop Lights.~~

~~(i) Every bus shall be equipped with at least one stop light. If manufactured with two stop lights, both must be operational. A stop light must emit a red light and shall be activated upon application of service (foot) brake and may, but need not, be incorporated with a tail light.~~

~~(ii) Lenses must be in good repair.~~

(2) In addition to the minimum requirements of a North American Standard Vehicle Safety Inspection (Level I), each bus must further meet the following requirements:

(A) Clearance and Marker Lights.

~~(i) Combination clearance and marker lights shall be installed at each of the four roof corners. The two such lights on the front of the vehicle shall be amber in color, and the two such lights on the rear of the vehicle shall be red in color. A cluster of three lights~~

shall be mounted between the clearance and marker lights in the front and in the rear of the bus at the roof line thereof;

6.(B) Flasher Lights.

(+) The body of the bus shall be equipped with four hooded or recessed red flasher lights. Such lights shall be at least 5 3/4 inches in diameter, sealed beam, and must flash when the bus is stopped to receive or discharge passengers. Two such lights shall be mounted in the front of the body above the windshield, and two such lights shall be mounted on the rear of the body above the rear windows;

7.(C) Strobe Lights.

(+) Every bus shall have an outside roof mounted white flashing strobe light with clear lenses emitting light 360 degrees around its vertical axis. Such strobe light shall be no greater than one-third the distance from the rear of the bus to the front of the bus and shall flash when the bus is stopped to receive or discharge passengers.

~~8. (D)~~ The requirements of ~~sub~~-paragraphs (2)(A-C) of this rule shall apply only to new school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1993.

(DE) Windshields and Windows.

1.(i) Windshields and windows shall have no obstruction located in such a way as to obscure the driver's view. All windshield and window glass shall be of a safety glazing type material.

2.(ii) No opaque or solid material including, but not limited to, cardboard, plastic and taped glass shall be used in lieu of glass.

3.(iii) No glass shall be approved that has a starburst or spider webbing effect greater than 3 inches by 3 inches.

4. Wiper(s) must be in good repair.

(F) Brakes.

(1) A bus must have brakes adequate to control the movement of, and to stop and hold, the vehicle.

(2) A bus must have:

(a) A service brake system that conforms to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 393.52;

(b) A parking brake system that conforms to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 393.41

and;

(c) If manufactured on or after July 1, 1973, must have an emergency brake system that conforms to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 393.52(b) and consists of either emergency features of the brake system or a system separate from the service brake system.

(d) A control by which the driver applies the emergency brake system must be located so that the driver can readily operate it when he or she is properly restrained by any seat belt assembly provided. The control for applying the emergency brake system may be combined with either the control for applying the service brake system or the control for applying the parking brake system. However, all three controls may not be combined.

(3) If the brake systems specified in sub-paragraph (2)(F) are interconnected in any way, they must be designed, constructed, and maintained so that, upon the failure of any part of the operating mechanism of one or more of the systems (except the service brake actuation pedal or valve):

(a) The vehicle will have operative brakes and;

(b) If manufactured on or after July 1, 1973, the vehicle will have operative brakes capable of performing as specified in 49 C.F.R. § 393.52(b).

(4) A vehicle that was manufactured in compliance with the emergency brake system requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 105 conforms to the requirements of this sub-paragraph if:

(a) It is maintained in conformity with the emergency brake requirements of Standard No. 105 in effect on the date of manufacture and;

(b) It is capable of performing as specified in 49 C.F.R. § 393.52(b), except upon structural failure of its brake master cylinder body or effectiveness indicator body.

(5) A bus conforms to the requirements of sub-paragraph (2)(F)(3) of this chapter if it meets the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 393.44 and is capable of performing as specified in 49 C.F.R. § 393.52(b).

(6) Parking brakes.

(a) All school buses shall at all times be equipped with a parking brake system adequate to hold the vehicle under any condition of loading as required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 571.121.

(b) The parking brake system shall at all times be capable of being applied in conformance with the requirements of subparagraph (2)(F)(6)(a) by either the driver's muscular effort, or by spring action, or by other energy, provided, that if such other energy is depended upon for application of the parking brake, then an accumulation of such energy shall be isolated from any common source and used exclusively for the operation of the parking brake.

(c) The parking brake system shall be held in the applied position by energy other than fluid pressure, air pressure, or electric energy. The parking brake system shall be such that it cannot be released unless adequate energy is available upon release of the parking brake to make immediate further application with the required effectiveness.

(7) Every bus shall be equipped with brakes acting on all wheels.

(8) On every bus, if equipped with air brakes, the braking system shall be so constructed that in the event any brake line to any of the front wheels is broken, the driver can apply the brakes on the rear wheels despite such breakage. The means used to apply the brakes may be located forward of the driver's seat so long as it can be operated manually by the driver when the driver is properly restrained by any seat belt assembly provided. Every bus shall meet this requirement or comply with the regulations in effect at the time of its manufacture.

(9) Brake tubing and brake hose must:

(a) Be designed and constructed in such a manner that insures proper, adequate, and continued functioning of the tubing or hose;

(b) Be installed in such a manner that insures proper continued functioning of the tubing or hose;

(c) Be long and flexible enough to accommodate without damage all normal motions of the parts to which it is attached;

(d) Be suitably secured against chafing, kinking, or other mechanical damage;

(e) Be installed in a manner that prevents it from contacting the vehicle's exhaust system or any other source of high temperatures; and

(f) Conform to the applicable requirements of subparagraphs (2)(F)(10) and (2)(F)(11) of this chapter. In addition, all hose installed on and after January 1, 1981, must conform to the applicable subsections of 49 C.F.R. 571.106.

(10) Metallic brake tubing, nonmetallic brake tubing, coiled nonmetallic brake tubing, and brake hose installed on and after March 7, 1989, must meet or exceed one of the following specifications set forth in the SAE Handbook (1985 Edition):

(a) Metallic air brake tubing – SAE Recommended Practice J1149 – Metallic Air Brake System Tubing and Pipe – July 1976.

(b) Nonmetallic air brake tubing – SAE Recommended Practice J844 – Nonmetallic Air Brake System Type B – October 1980.

(c) Air brake hose – SAE Recommended Practice J1402 – Automotive Air Brake Hose and Hose Assemblies – June 1985.

(d) Hydraulic brake hose – SAE Recommended Practice J1401 – Road Vehicle Hydraulic Brake Hose Assemblies for Use with Non Petroleum Base Hydraulic Fluid – June 1985.

(e) Vacuum brake hose – SAE Recommended Practice J1403 – Vacuum Brake Hose – June 1985.

(f) Except as provided in sub-paragraph (2)(F)(11) of this chapter, brake hose and brake tubing installed prior to March 7, 1989, must conform to 49 C.F.R. § 393.45, as effective October 31, 1983.

(11) All connections for air, vacuum, or hydraulic braking systems shall:

(a) Be adequate in material and construction to insure proper continued functioning;

(b) Be designed, constructed, and installed so as to insure, when properly connected, an attachment free of leaks, constrictions, or other defects;

(c) Have suitable provision in every detachable connection to afford reasonable assurance against accidental disconnection;

(d) Have the vacuum brake engine manifold connection at 38 inches in diameter;

(e) If installed on a vehicle on or after January 1, 1981, meet the requirements of the applicable subsections of 49 C.F.R. § 571.106;

(f) Splices in tubing, if installed on a vehicle after March 7, 1989, must use fittings that meet the requirements of:

(i) SAE Standard J512 – Automotive Tube Fittings – October 1980; or

(ii) If an air brake system, SAE Standard J246 – Spherical and Flanged Sleeve (Compression) Tube Fittings – March 1981.

(12) The brake lining on every bus shall be so constructed and installed as not to be subject to excessive fading and grabbing and shall be no less than ¼ inch in thickness. Means of attachment and physical characteristics shall provide for safe and reliable stopping of the bus.

(13)(a) Every bus using air or vacuum for braking shall be equipped with reserve capacity or a reservoir sufficient to ensure a full service brake application with the engine stopped without depleting the air pressure or vacuum below seventy percent (70%) of that pressure or degree of vacuum indicated by the gauge immediately before the brake application is made. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, a full service brake application is considered to be made when the service brake pedal is pushed to the limit of its travel.

(b)(1) Every bus, when equipped with air or vacuum reservoirs and regardless of date of manufacture, shall have such reservoirs so safeguarded by a check valve or equivalent device that in the event of failure or leakage in its connection to the source of compressed air or vacuum the air or vacuum supply in the reservoir shall not be depleted by the leak or failure.

(2) Means shall be provided to establish the check valve to be in working order. On and after May 1, 1966, means other than loosening or disconnection of any connection between the source of compressed air or vacuum and the check valve, and necessary tools for operation of such means, shall be provided to prove that the check valve is in working order. The means shall be readily accessible either from the front, side, or rear of the vehicle, or from the driver's compartment.

(i) In air brake systems with one reservoir, the means shall be a cock, valve, plug, or equivalent device arranged to vent a cavity having free communication with the connection between the check valve and the source of compressed air or vacuum.

(ii) Where air is delivered by a compressor into one tank or compartment (wet tank), and air for braking is taken directly from another tank or compartment (dry tank) only, with the required check valve between the tanks or compartments, a manually operated drain cock on the first (wet) tank or compartment will serve as a means herein required if it conforms to the requirements herein.

(iii) In vacuum systems, stopping the engine will serve as the required means, the system remaining evacuated as indicated by the vacuum gauge.

(14) A bus must be equipped with a signal that provides a warning to the driver when a failure occurs in the vehicle's service brake system:

(a) A vehicle manufactured on or after July 1, 1973, and having service brakes activated by hydraulic fluid must be equipped with a warning signal that performs as follows:

(1) If 49 C.F.R. § 571.105 was applicable to the vehicle at the time it was manufactured, the warning signal must conform to the requirements of that standard.

(2) If 49 C.F.R. § 571.105 was not applicable to the vehicle at the time it was manufactured, the warning signal must become operative, before or upon application of the brakes, in the event of a hydraulic-type complete failure of a partial system. The signal must be readily audible or visible to the driver.

(b) A vehicle (regardless of the date of manufacture) having service brakes activated by compressed air (air mechanical brakes) or a vehicle towing a vehicle having service brakes activated by compressed air (air mechanical brakes) must be equipped and perform as follows:

(1) If 49 C.F.R. § 571.121 was applicable to the vehicle at the time it was manufactured, the vehicle must have a low air pressure-warning device that conforms to the requirements of that standard.

(2) If 49 C.F.R. § 571.121 was not applicable to the vehicle at the time it was manufactured, the vehicle must have a low air pressure warning device that provides a readily audible or visible continuous warning to the driver whenever the pressure of the compressed air in the braking system is below a specified pressure, which must be at least one-half of the compressor governor cutout pressure.

(3) The vehicle must have a pressure gauge that indicates to the driver the pressure in pounds per square inch available for braking.

(c) A vehicle (regardless of the date of manufacture) having service brakes activated by vacuum must be equipped with:

(1) A device that provides a readily audible or visible continuous warning to the driver whenever the vacuum in the vehicle's supply reservoir is less than eight (8) inches of mercury and;

(2) A vacuum gauge that indicates to the driver the vacuum in inches of mercury available for braking.

(d) A vehicle having a braking system in which hydraulically activated service brakes are applied or assisted by compressed air or vacuum must be equipped with both a warning signal that conforms to the requirements of sub-paragraph (a) and a warding device that conforms to the requirements of either sub-paragraph (b) or (c), whichever is applicable.

(e) All warning signals, devices, and gauges required must be maintained in operative condition.

(15) Upon application of its service brakes, a bus must, under any condition of loading in which it is found on a public highway, be capable of:

(a)(1) Developing a braking force at least equal to the percentage of its gross weight specified in the table in sub-paragraph ____ of this chapter;

(2) Decelerating to a stop from 20 miles per hour in a distance, measured from the point at which movement of the service brake pedal or control begins, that is not greater than the distance specified in the table in sub-paragraph ____ of this chapter;

(3) Stopping from 20 miles per hour in a distance, measured from the point at which movement of the service brake pedal or control begins, that is not greater than the distance specified in the table in sub-paragraph ____ of this chapter;

(b) Upon application of its emergency brake system and with no other brake system applied, a bus must, under any condition of loading in which it is found on a public highway, be capable of stopping from 20 miles per hour in a distance, measured from the point at which movement of the emergency brake control begins, that is not greater than the distance specified in the table in sub-paragraph ____ of this chapter.

(c) Conformity to the stopping distance requirements of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be determined under the following conditions:

(1) Any test must be made with the vehicle on a hard surface that is substantially level, dry, smooth, and free of loose material.

(2) The vehicle must be in the center of a 12-foot wide lane when the test begins and must not deviate from that lane during the test.

(d) Vehicle brake performance table:

| | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| | <u>Service brake</u> <u>systems</u> | <u>Service brake</u> <u>systems</u> | <u>Service brake</u> <u>systems</u> | <u>Emergency</u> <u>brake systems</u> |
|--|--|--|--|--|

| <u>Type of bus</u> | <u>Braking force as a percentage of gross vehicle weight</u> | <u>Deceleration in feet per second</u> | <u>Application and braking distance in feet from initial speed of 20 m.p.h.</u> | <u>Application and braking distance in feet from initial speed of 20 m.p.h.</u> |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| <u>Buses with a seating capacity of more than 10 persons, including driver, and built on a passenger car chassis; vehicles built on a truck or bus chassis and having a manufacturer's GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less</u> | <u>52.8</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>66</u> |
| <u>All other passenger- carrying vehicles</u> | <u>43.5</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>35</u> | <u>85</u> |

(16)(a) Each bus manufactured on or after October 20, 1993, and equipped with a hydraulic brake system shall meet the automatic brake adjustment system requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 571.105 applicable to the vehicle at the time that it was manufactured.

(b) Each bus manufactured on or after October 20, 1994, and equipped with an air brake system shall meet the automatic brake adjustment system requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 571.121 applicable to the vehicle at the time that it was manufactured.

(c) On each bus manufactured on or after October 20, 1994, and equipped with an air brake system that contains an external automatic adjustment mechanism and an exposed pushrod, the condition of service brake under-adjustment shall be displayed by a brake adjustment indicator conforming to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 571.121 applicable to the vehicle at the time that it was manufactured.

(17)(a) Each bus manufactured on or after March 1, 1999, and equipped with a hydraulic brake system shall be equipped with an antilock brake system that meets the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 571.105.

(b) Each hydraulic braked bus manufactured on or after March 1, 1999, and equipped with a hydraulic brake system shall be equipped with an antilock brake system malfunction indicator system that meets the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 571.105.

(c) Each bus manufactured on or after March 1, 1998, and equipped with an air brake system shall be equipped with an antilock brake system that meets the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 571.121.

(d) Each air braked bus manufactured on or after March 1, 1998, and equipped with an air brake system shall be equipped with an electrical circuit that is capable of signaling a malfunction that affects the generation or transmission of response or control signals to the vehicle's antilock brake system that meets the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 571.121.

(dG) Tires.

~~1. Buses with four or more rear tires shall have not less than 2/32 inch tread measurable in all major grooves. Buses with two rear tires shall have 4/32 inch tread measurable in all major grooves. The front tires on all buses shall have a minimum of 4/32 inch tread measurable in all grooves. All tires shall be free from any cuts, breaks, or snags on tread or sidewall deep enough to expose body cord.~~

~~2.~~ (1) Tires marked "not for highway use" or "for racing purposes only" or "unsafe for highway use" shall not be permitted.

~~3.~~ (2) All tires shall be free from bumps, bulges or separations.

- ~~4. Regrooved or recut tires below the original tread design depth shall not be permitted, except for certain tires which have extra undertread rubber and are identified as such.~~
- ~~5. No retreaded tires shall be permitted upon the front wheels of buses.~~
- ~~6. No studded, flanged, cleated or spiked tires shall be permitted which projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire.~~

~~(eH) Steering Mechanism.~~

- ~~1. Lash or free play in the steering system shall not exceed values as follows:~~

~~Steering Wheel~~

| Diameter (inches) | Lash (inches) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 16 | 2.25 |
| 18 | 2.50 |
| 20 | 2.75 |
| 22 | 3.00 |

- ~~2. Steering wheels shall turn freely through the limit of travel in both directions.~~

~~3. Ball Joints—King Pins and Bushings:~~

- ~~(i) Top to bottom looseness in ball joints shall not exceed 1/4 inch.~~
- ~~(ii) Horizontal looseness in ball joints shall not exceed 1/4 inch.~~
- ~~(iii) Top to bottom looseness in King Pin and Bushings shall not exceed 1/4 inch.~~
- ~~(iv) Horizontal looseness in King Pin and Bushings shall not exceed 1/4 inch.~~

~~(f) Suspension.~~

- ~~1. Structural parts shall not be bent or damaged.~~
- ~~2. Stabilizer bars shall be connected.~~
- ~~3. Springs shall not be broken.~~
- ~~4. Shock absorber mountings, shackles and u bolts shall be securely attached.~~
- ~~5. Rubber bushings shall not be extruding or missing from suspension joints.~~
- ~~6. Radius rods shall not be missing or damaged.~~

~~(g) Exhaust System.~~

- ~~(1) Exhaust system includes the piping leading from the flange of the exhaust manifold to and including the muffler(s), and tail pipes.~~

- (2) Flexible pipe is prohibited except for use on diesel tractors or as per manufacturers original specifications.
- (3) Exhaust emission point shall extend to the rear or outside of the passenger compartment.
- (4) There shall be no holes, leaking seams nor loose or perceptively leaking joints in the exhaust system. Patches are prohibited on muffler(s). Tail pipe ends pinched, rusted, or broken off shall be cause for rejection. (Small holes made by the manufacturer for drainage are permitted.)
- (5) The exhaust system and/or its elements shall be securely fastened, including the consideration of missing or broken hangers.
- (6) There shall be no muffler cutouts, muffler bypasses or similar devices or any devices or additions to the exhaust system that allows excessive or unusual noise.
- (7) There shall be no part of the exhaust system passing through the passenger compartment, or any exposed stack so located that any individual entering or leaving the vehicle may be burned.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f). O.C.G.A. Secs. [40-8-220](#) (f); 40-8-111, 40-8-74. **History.** Original Rule entitled "Minimum Requirements: Space and Equipment" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Violations of Law or Rules; Penalty" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.09](#), entitled "Display of Sign Required," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.09](#) expired on August 15, 1979.) **Amended:** Rule entitled "Display of Sign Required" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act. No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.09](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Minimum Requirements for Inspection" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed June 7, 1983; effective June 27, 1983. **Amended:** Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985. **Amended:** F. Apr. 15, 1994; eff. May 5, 1994.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

The brake inspection requirements have been updated to comport with current federal regulations and Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance criteria.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.09, is repealed, and the regulation is to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.09.

570-5-.10 Body. Amended.

~~(1) All public school buses shall be inspected annually or at the discretion of the Commissioner, by employees of the Department of Public Safety.~~

~~(2) Each public school bus shall be inspected for:~~

~~(a) Front and rear sign containing the words "School Bus" in letters not less than eight inches (8") in height.~~

~~(b) Every bus used for transporting school children shall be painted National School Bus Chrome Yellow.~~

~~(c) Have an emergency door located either at the rear of the body or at the side of the body opposite from the side on which the students normally board. Said door shall be operative from both the interior and exterior of the bus at all times.~~

~~1. The emergency door shall be equipped with a slide bar cam-operated lock. The slide bar shall have a minimum stroke of 1 inch. The emergency door shall be equipped with a suitable electric plunger type switch and with buzzers located in the driver's compartment. The switch shall be enclosed and the wires leading from the switch shall be concealed in the body. The switch shall be installed so that the plunger of the switch contacts the farthest edge of the slide bar in such a manner that a slight movement of the slide bar will immediately close the switch and activate the buzzer.~~

~~2. The door lock shall be equipped with an interior handle that extends approximately to the center of the emergency door. It shall lift up to release the lock.~~

~~(d) The drivers seat shall be equipped with a seat belt.~~

~~(e) Combination clearance and marker lights shall be installed at each of the four roof corners. The two front lights shall be amber in color and the two rear lights shall be red in color. A cluster of three clearance and marker lights in the front and rear of the bus at the roof line is required.~~

~~(f) The body of said buses shall be equipped with four hooded or recessed red flasher or four red flasher lamps and four amber flasher lamps mounted on the same horizontal centerline. The system shall be wired so that the amber signal lamps are activated only by manual or foot operation and if activated are automatically deactivated and the red signal lamps activated when the bus entrance door is opened.~~

~~(g) There shall be installed on the left outside of the body a stop arm to give notice to drivers of other vehicles that the bus is making a stop.~~

~~(h) The exhaust system of said buses shall carry exhaust gasses from the engine to the discharge point into the atmosphere which shall be beyond the rear wheels and extend to a point as follows:~~

~~1. when exhaust is discharged on the side of vehicle, the discharge point shall be at or beyond the outermost flange of the body at the side of such vehicle;~~

~~2. when exhaust is discharged at the rear of the vehicle, the discharge point shall be at or beyond the rear bumper of such vehicle.~~

~~(i) All floor joints of such buses shall be gas tight and constructed so as to prevent the entry of engine exhaust gases into the passenger compartment. Any opening or separation of joints in the floor shall be repaired before the bus is used for transportation of children.~~

~~(j) **Exterior Mirror**—Two exterior clear view, rear view mirrors shall be mounted forward, one to the left and one to the right of the driver. Area of each mirror shall be not less than 50 square inches overall. Each mirror shall be firmly supported and adjustable to give the driver a clear view past the left rear and right rear of the bus.~~

~~1. Two exterior convex type mirrors shall be mounted forward, one to the left and one to the right of the driver. Each mirror shall be a minimum of 6 x 6 inches overall, rectangular in shape and shall have a minimum 21 inch to a maximum 30 inch radius of curvature on the convex. Each mirror shall be firmly supported and adjustable to give the driver a clear view of the left rear wheels and the immediate adjacent area and the right wheels and the immediate adjacent area.~~

~~(k) An 8" convex cross view mirror shall be mounted on the left fender so that the driver will have a view directly in front of the bus. The mirror shall have a minimum diameter of 7 1/2 inches of exposed mirror surface. The case containing the mirror shall be so constructed that the mirror may be replaced.~~

~~1. **Exception:** Transit buses shall have 8" convex cross view mirror mounted on the right side.~~

~~(l) **Interior Mirror**—One rear view non-glare mirror 6 inches x 30 inches in size, having a metal frame and back to be securely attached on the windshield header and so located as to give the driver a clear view of the entire interior of the bus and road behind.~~

~~(m) **Horn**—Every school bus shall be equipped with a horn capable of emitting a sound which, under normal conditions, shall be audible from a distance of 200 feet.~~

Repealed.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f); O.C.G.A. Sec. [40-8-220](#)(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Display of Certificate Required" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Improper Operation of Station; Report, Penalty" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.10](#), entitled "Change of Location or Name of Inspection Station: Going Out of Business; Cancellation; Change of Ownership," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.10](#) expired on August 15, 1979). **Amended:** Rule entitled "Change of Location or Name of Inspection Station, Going Out of Business; Change of Ownership; Cancellation; Suspension" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.10](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Body" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed June 7, 1983; effective June 27, 1983.

375-6-.10 Body.

(1) All public school buses shall be inspected annually or at the discretion of the Commissioner, by employees of the Department of ~~Public Safety~~.

(2) Each public school bus shall be inspected for:

(a) Front and rear sign containing the words "School Bus" in letters not less than eight inches (8") in height.

(b) Every bus used for transporting school children shall be painted National School Bus Chrome Yellow.

(c) Have an emergency door located either at the rear of the body or at the side of the body opposite from the side on which the students normally board. Said door shall be operative from both the interior and exterior of the bus at all times.

1. The emergency door shall be equipped with a slide-bar cam-operated lock. The slide bar shall have a minimum stroke of 1 inch. The emergency door shall be equipped with a suitable electric plunger-type switch and with buzzers located in the driver's compartment. The switch shall be enclosed and the wires leading from the switch shall be concealed in the body. The switch shall be installed so that the plunger of the switch contacts the farthest edge of the slide bar in such a manner that a slight movement of the slide bar will immediately close the switch and activate the buzzer.

2. The door lock shall be equipped with an interior handle that extends approximately to the center of the emergency door. It shall lift up to release the lock.

(d) The driver's seat shall be equipped with a seat belt.

(e) Combination clearance and marker lights shall be installed at each of the four roof corners. The two front lights shall be amber in color and the two rear lights shall be red in color. A cluster of three clearance and marker lights in the front and rear of the bus at the roof line is required.

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(g) There shall be installed on the left outside of the body a stoparm to give notice to drivers of other vehicles that the bus is making a stop.

(h) The exhaust system of said buses shall carry exhaust gasses from the engine to the discharge point into the atmosphere which shall be beyond the rear wheels and extend to a point as follows:

1. when exhaust is discharged on the side of vehicle, the discharge point shall be at or beyond the outermost flange of the body at the side of such vehicle;

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(i) All floor joints of such buses shall be gas tight and constructed so as to prevent the entry of engine exhaust gases into the passenger compartment. Any opening or separation of joints in the floor shall be repaired before the bus is used for transportation of children.

(j) **Exterior Mirror**--Two exterior clear-view, rear view mirrors shall be mounted forward, one to the left and one to the right of the driver. Area of each mirror shall be not less than 50 square inches overall. Each mirror shall be firmly supported and adjustable to give the driver a clear view past the left rear and right rear of the bus.

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(k) An 8" convex cross-view mirror shall be mounted on the left fender so that the driver will have a view directly in front of the bus. The mirror shall have a minimum diameter of 7 1/2 inches of exposed mirror surface. The case containing the mirror shall be so constructed that the mirror may be replaced.

1. **Exception:** Transit buses shall have 8" convex cross-view mirror mounted on the right side.

(l) **Interior Mirror**--One rear view non-glare mirror 6 inches x 30 inches in size, having a metal frame and back to be securely attached on the windshield header and so located as to give the driver a clear view of the entire interior of the bus and road behind.

(m) **Horn**--Every school bus shall be equipped with a horn capable of emitting a sound which, under normal conditions, shall be audible from a distance of 200 feet.

(n) **Radio speakers** – No bus shall have radio speakers used for music or entertainment forward of a line five (5) feet from the rear of the driver's seat. Existing speakers in this area shall be permanently disabled. This prohibition does not apply to speakers used for communications purposes.

Authority Ga. Code Section 68E-501(f); O.C.G.A. Sec. [40-8-220](#)(f). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Display of Certificate Required" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Improper Operation of Station; Report, Penalty" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.10](#), entitled "Change of Location or Name of Inspection Station: Going Out of Business; Cancellation; Change of Ownership," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.10](#) expired on August 15, 1979). **Amended:** Rule entitled "Change of Location or Name of Inspection Station, Going Out of Business; Change of Ownership; Cancellation; Suspension" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5-.10](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Body" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Filed June 7, 1983; effective June 27, 1983.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

Radio speakers used for music or entertainment purposes are prohibited within 5 feet of the driver, in accordance with a recommendation of the National Transportation Safety Board.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.10, is repealed, and the regulation is

to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.10.

The words "of Public Safety" are deleted from the reference to Department.

Paragraph (n) is added.

570-5-.11 Violation of Law and/or Rules: Penalty. Amended.

~~In accordance with the authority cited in O.C.G.A. Title 40, these Rules shall have the force of law. If a responsible bus is denied an inspection sticker and is subsequently operated without having a valid sticker affixed as provided for in these Rules and associated statutes, the violation may be deemed a misdemeanor.~~

Repealed.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. [40-8-220](#). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Sign to be Displayed: Approved Wording" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Change of Location or Ownership of Inspection Station; Going out of Business; Cancellation" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Change of Location or Name of Inspection Station; Going Out of Business; Cancellation; Change of Ownership" adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.11](#), entitled "Suspension or Revocation of Mechanic's Driver's License Suspends Authorization," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.11](#) expired on August 15, 1979). **Amended:** Rule entitled "Suspension or Revocation of Mechanic's Driver's License Suspends Authorization" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5.11](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Violation of Law and/or Rules; Penalty" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985.

375-6-1-.11 Violation of Law and/or Rules: Penalty.

In accordance with the authority cited in O.C.G.A. Title 40, these Rules shall have the force of law. If a responsible bus is denied an inspection sticker and is subsequently operated without having a valid sticker affixed as provided for in these Rules and associated statutes, the violation may be deemed a misdemeanor.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. [40-8-220](#). **Administrative History.** Original Rule entitled "Sign to be Displayed: Approved Wording" was filed and effective on July 20, 1965. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Change of Location or Ownership of Inspection Station; Going out of Business; Cancellation" adopted. Filed August 10, 1971; effective August 30, 1971. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Change of Location or Name of Inspection Station; Going Out of Business; Cancellation; Change of Ownership" adopted. Filed September 14, 1972; effective October 4, 1972. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5](#) and Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.11](#), entitled "Suspension or Revocation of Mechanic's Driver's License Suspends Authorization," adopted. Filed April 19, 1979; effective April 18, 1979, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding said Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency. (Emergency Rule [570-5-0.5-.11](#) expired on August 15, 1979). **Amended:** Rule entitled "Suspension or Revocation of Mechanic's Driver's License Suspends Authorization" adopted. Filed August 9, 1979; effective August 29, 1979. **Amended:** Rule repealed by Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#). Filed March 5, 1982; effective March 3, 1982, the date of adoption, to remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until the effective date of a permanent Rule covering the same subject matter superseding this Emergency Rule, as specified by the Agency; in accordance with Ga. L. 1982, House Bill 1156, Act No. 845, effective February 26, 1982. **Amended:** Emergency Rule [570-5-0.9](#) repealed; and, Rule [570-5.11](#) repealed and a new Rule entitled "Violation of Law and/or Rules; Penalty" adopted. Filed June 10, 1982; effective June 30, 1982. **Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed June 10, 1985; effective June 30, 1985.

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

No substantive amendments are proposed.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

The existing regulation, published with the regulations of the Department of Public Safety at Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 570-5-.11, is repealed, and the regulation is

to be published with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety at
Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 375-6-1-.11.

375-6-1.12 Daily Inspections by Bus Operator.

(A) No school bus shall be driven unless the driver shall have first satisfied himself or herself that the following parts and accessories are in good working order:

- (1) Service brakes;
- (2) Parking brake;
- (3) Steering mechanism;
- (4) Lighting devices and reflectors;
- (5) Stop arm and flashing lights;
- (6) Emergency door and exits;
- (7) Tires;
- (8) Horn;
- (9) Windshield wiper(s);
- (10) Rear vision mirror(s).

(B) The driver shall also satisfy himself or herself that the required emergency equipment is in place and ready for use:

- (1) Fire extinguisher;
- (2) Emergency triangles;
- (3) First aid kit with required contents.

(C) Every school bus operator shall require its drivers to report, in writing, at the completion of each day's work with respect to each bus operated. The report must address, at a minimum, the following parts and accessories:

- (1) Service brakes;
- (2) Parking brake;
- (3) Steering mechanism;
- (4) Lighting devices and reflectors;
- (5) Stop arm and flashing lights;
- (6) Emergency door and exits;
- (7) Tires;
- (8) Horn;
- (9) Windshield wiper(s);
- (10) Fire extinguisher;

(11) Emergency reflective triangles;

(12) First aid kit.

(D) Daily reports shall identify the vehicle and list any defect or deficiency discovered by or reported to the driver which would affect the safety of operation of the vehicle or result in its mechanical breakdown. If no defect or deficiency is discovered by or reported to the driver, the report shall so indicate. The report shall be signed and dated by the driver.

(E) Prior to requiring or permitting a driver to operate a bus, every school system shall repair or have repaired any defect or deficiency listed on the driver vehicle inspection report that would be likely to affect the safety of operation of the vehicle. Every school system, school contract carrier, shop foreman, or mechanic shall certify on the original driver vehicle inspection report that lists any defect or deficiency that the defect or deficiency has been repaired or that repair is unnecessary before the vehicle is again operated. The original driver vehicle inspection report and certification of repairs shall be maintained for three months from the date that the written report was prepared.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. [40-8-220](#).

SYNOPSIS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND MAIN FEATURES OF PROPOSED RULE

This regulation establishes the requirements for a standardized daily inspection by bus operators, and repair of defects or deficiencies constituting a safety hazard, before the bus is again operated.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED RULES

There is no existing regulation.